

Andrew Jackson to Andrew Jackson, Jr., November 13, 1833, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

TO ANDREW JACKSON, JR.

Washington, November 13, 1833.

My dear Andrew, I have this morning received your affectionate letter dated the 1st instant at the Hermitage. I feel thankful to a kind Providence for his goodness in preserving all your healths on that tedious and disagreeable journey up the Cumberland, exposed, as you must have been to so much unhealthy miasma, with which you must have been surrounded until you left the river at Clarksville, and delivering you and your dear little family, all in good health, at the Hermitage.

I was astonished when I read in your letter that you had recd. none of my letters. I have answered every letter of yours, or Sarahs received, and have written several besides—all must be in the post office, or on their way, several, you will find have lay many days in the P. office before you reached home.

I rejoice to learn that our dear Sarahs health with our sweet little one Rachel, is so good, and that the dear little pet is running all over the house. I wish I could see her walk, and hear her begin to prattle—it would be a great consolation to me. but I must console myself, with looking at its very excellent Likeness by Mr. Earle which I have in a frame, until providence may permit me to visit you at the Hermitage next year, or you Sarah and my little Pet shall return to me here—but I hope and trust in a kind providence that he will enable me to visit you at the Hermitage.

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I am happy to learn that our negroes are all well. has Dicks daughter, Hannah, recovered? inform me?

I am pleased at the prospect of our cotton crop. have it well handled and baled, and hope you will be able to get it all out before the middle of Decbr. next, after that it is not worth the picking of it out—it is always unfit for market. I regret you have said nothing about the progress in ginning and baleing. I am fearfull there has been neglect in this branch of the management. I had drew Mr. Holtzclaws attention to this subject in order that by sending the cotton early to market we might benefit by the rise, which will go down I fear before the close of the sales of the present crop—advise me on this head. I am pleased with the description of the brood stock. You recollect the oscar colt got hurt and Hutchings wrote he was ruined—inform me whether there appears any defect in either of his hips, that will injure his appearence, or prevent the hope of his being a good runner, and give me the relative hight of the three stud colts—The oscar, the virginian by Bolivar, and the motherless colt. and I would like to have you give a description of the two fillies—recollect that an arab colt won the 4 mile purse at Baltimore. Why not Sarahs Arab prove also a good runner.

You will find in my former letter my remarks about the Pork for killing this fall as stated by Mr. Holtzclaw. I would like to be informed how it has happened that out of all those turned out last fall, all the stock hoggs (upwards of 400) that only Eighty six is fit to fatten and kill. better sell the corn and buy the Pork than raise it for our neighbors negroes. . . .